नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) फिलहाल वायुदूत उत्तर-पूर्व क्षेत्र में प्रचालन कर रहा है।

(ख) वित्तीय प्रतिबंध एवं विमान क्षमता की कमी के कारण बहुत से स्टेशनों से सेवाएं धीरे-धीरे हटा ली गई हैं।

(ग) से (ङ) अनुसूचित प्रचालनों के बारे में जारी किए गए नए मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांत अनुसूचित प्रचालकों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए हैं ताकि उन क्षेत्रों को सेवाएं प्रदान की जा सकें जहां सेवाएं नहीं हैं। नये विमान चलाने का निर्णय यदि कोई है, यह अपनी वाणिज्यिक स्थिति के आधार पर वायुदूत द्वारा लिया जाएगा।

Operation of Vayudoot

354. DR. ALLADI P. RAJA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has taken over Vayudoot;

(b) if so, when and how many of their aircrafts;

(c) whether they are in use and in which sector; and

(d) whether Vayudoot staff have been absorbed in Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) It has been decided that Vayudoot should be merged with Indian Airlines. Pending completion of legal formalities for merger, Vayudoot has become a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Airlines.

(b) The details of the aircraft in the fleet of Vayudoot are as under:—

Dornier	228	8
HS-748		8

(c) Out of 8-HS-748 and 8 Dornier aircraft, 3 Dornier aircraft are operational and are based at Calcutta/Guwahati in the North Eastern Region.

(d) In accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the surplus staff of Vayudoot is to be absorbed in Indian Airlines and other Organisations under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Procedure for maintaining walk-in-guests list in I T D C Hotels

355. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether lists of walk-in-guests are properly maintained in various I.T.D.C. Hotels;

(b) whether these lists have been periodically checked by proper authorities;

(c) whether the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi has maintained the walk-in-guests list and duly checked; and

(d) what steps are taken to see that the proper procedure is strictly adhered to in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The procedure for registering walk-in-guests is regularly checked by the officials of the hotel, deputed for the purpose.

National Policy on tourism

356. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated the National Policy on Tourism in the country during the year 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measures Government propose to take to develop and improve the infrastructure of tourism in the country particularly in the State of Punjab?